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May 30, 2003

**CONSTRUCTION STATUS REPORT**

**West Fork Bitterroot River Road (along Painted Rocks Lake) MT PFH 66-1(3)**

**Accomplishments through May 30, 2003:**

Gabion wall # 2 on the North end of the project is complete. The excavation and cofferdam for the 18' culvert for Slate Creek is complete and the culvert has been delivered, but due to the high water this week work has not progressed. Excavation and Embankment operation is continuing and going well, North of Slate Creek. Work is continuing on the slide repair North of Slate Creek. Topsoil has been placed on more of the completed fills from Slate Creek Bay South.

**Future activities planned for the project:**

Work on gabion wall # 3, north end of project will start next week. Work will continue on the new Slate Creek culvert if the water goes down. Survey work will start for underdrains and riprap lined ditches. The excavation and embankment operation will continue North on Slate Creek. Pumco may be back up at the Alta pit again next week screening material for gabion walls. This operation will last a few weeks.

**Other news of note:**

Pumco, Inc. current work schedule is 7:00 am to 5:30 Monday thru Friday. Per the April 11, 2003, newsletter, the construction will continue into October of this year due to the new Slate Creek Culvert being installed.

As a reminder the road open/closure schedule is as follows:

7:00 pm to 8:00 am	Open Road
8:00 am to 10:00 am	Road Closure Permitted
10:00 am to 12:00 pm	Open Road
12:00 pm to 3:00 pm	Road Closure Permitted
3:00 pm to 5:00 pm	Open Road
5:00 pm to 7:00 pm	Road Closure Permitted

**During Open Road periods expect short delays for flaggers and/or pilot car.** Please be watchful of the flaggers and be prepared to stop, and follow the flagger's directions and follow the pilot car for your own safety as well as the safety of the workers.

Please refer your questions, comments, or concerns to Todd Butikofer at (406) 821-9932 Drive Safe!

